

FY 2006 Caregiver Services

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Informal caregivers provide daily or episodic support, and assist with services such as bathing, banking, shopping, food preparation, and medical care. Caregiving has the potential to impact the health, work, family, personal relationships, and finances of the caregiver. Caregivers may live with the person they are caring for or may visit the person regularly.

In 2006 a total of 8,366 caregivers were supported with 826,640 hours/units of adult day, respite, meals, counseling, and supplemental care. An additional 10,750 non-registered caregivers received 32,494 hours/units of outreach, information and referral, and transportation services.

Profile of Registered Caregivers

72% were female

50% were younger than 65 years of age

41% resided in rural areas

37% of caregivers were daughters or daughters-in-law; 30% of caregivers were spouses

24% were low-income

20% were minority by race and/or ethnicity

Table 12. Profile of Caregiving

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75%	provide daily, hands-on care
68%	have been caregiving for more than one year; 42% for 3 or more years
58%	live with the individual(s) that they care for; 33% travel up to one hour to provide care
45%	were caring for an individual with 2 or more daily activity limitations ¹⁸
33%	were caring for an individual with a cognitive impairment ¹⁵
37%	were employed full or part-time
30%	describe their health as "fair" or "poor"
6%	were caregiving for grandchildren

Expenditures

In 2006 the aging network spent nearly \$13.2 million to support caregivers.¹⁹ Table 13 describes costs and services levels for caregiver services.

Table 13. Caregiver Service Expenditures and Average Cost per Client and Service Unit²⁰

Service Category	Expenditures	Cost / Client	Cost / Unit
Respite & Adult Day Care	\$10,549,174	\$2,048	\$13.06
Counseling Services	\$1,065,783	\$334	\$58.46
Supplemental Services	\$178,477	\$613	\$208.75
Non-Registered Services	\$1,374,805	\$66	\$42.31
Totals	\$13,168,239	\$446	\$15.33

¹⁸ Self-reported by the caregiver.

¹⁹ Average costs per caregiver and service units are for registered caregiver clients and services.

Characteristics of Caregivers by Age

The characteristics of caregivers differ when broken out by the age of the caregiver. Caregivers under age 60 were more likely to travel to provide care, to be employed, and to indicate that others were willing to help provide care. Older caregivers were more likely to be a spouse, to be female, and to report fair or poor health. Charts 16 and 17 describe characteristics for caregivers aged 60 and older and those under age 60.

Chart 16. Registered Caregivers by Age Group

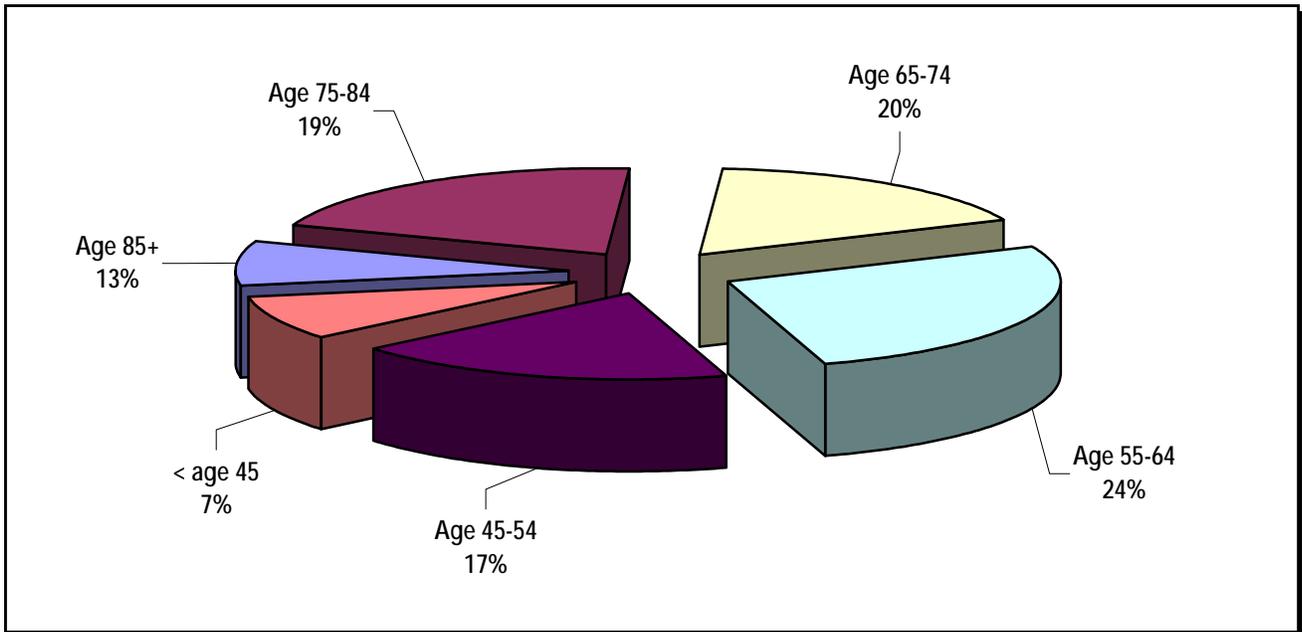
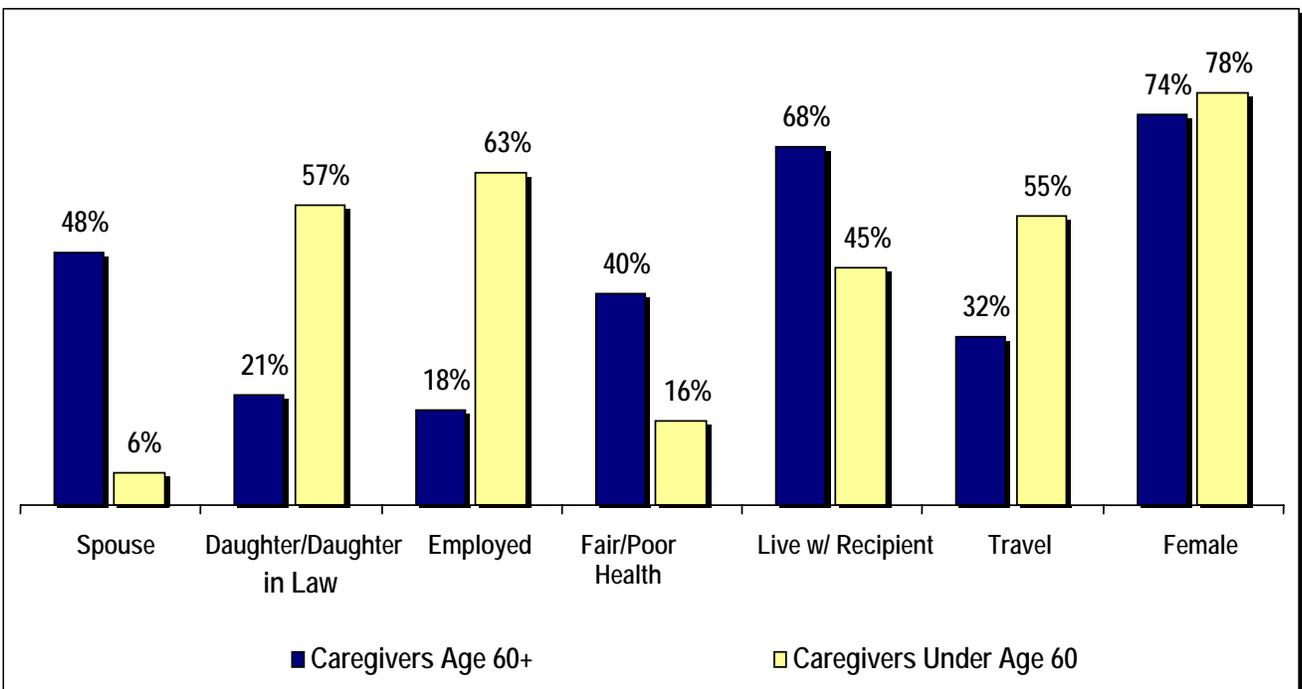


Chart 17. Registered Caregivers by Age and Selected Characteristics



Characteristics of Caregivers by How Long They Have Been Providing Care

The characteristics of caregivers differ depending how long the caregiver has been providing care. Caregivers that have been providing care for more than one year were more likely to provide daily care and to indicate fair or poor health. Those that have not been caregiving as long were more likely to travel to provide care and to be employed. Charts 18 and 19 describe characteristics for caregivers based on how long they have been providing care.

Chart 18. Registered Caregivers by Length of Time Providing Care

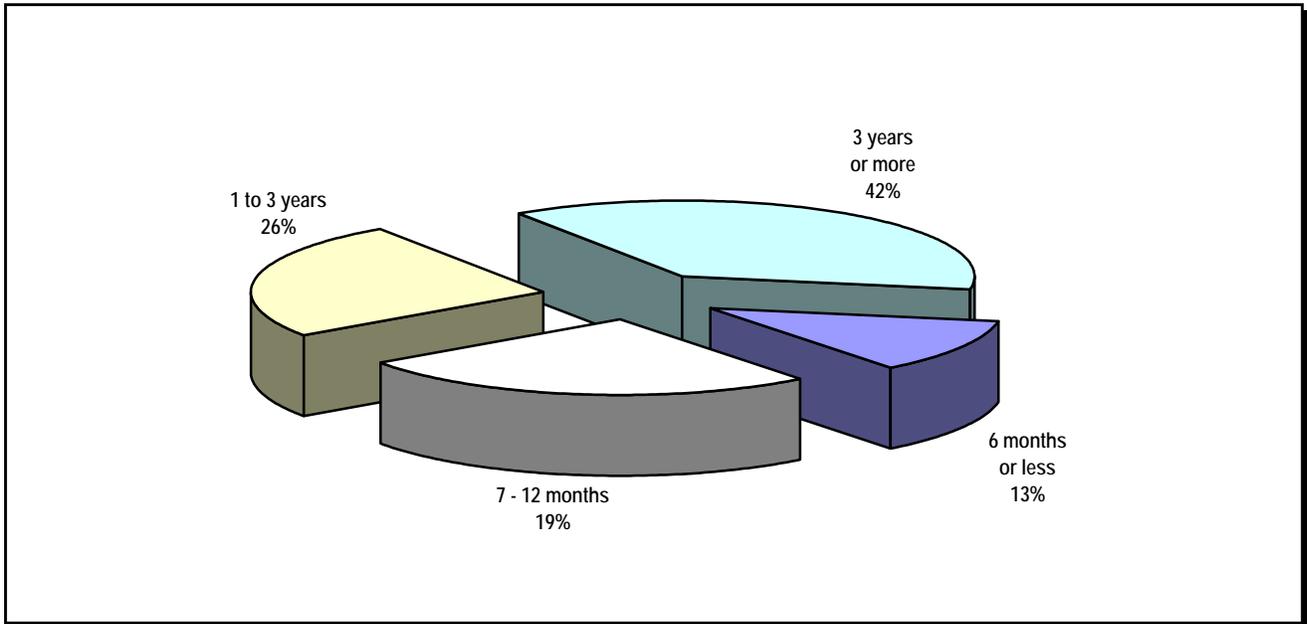
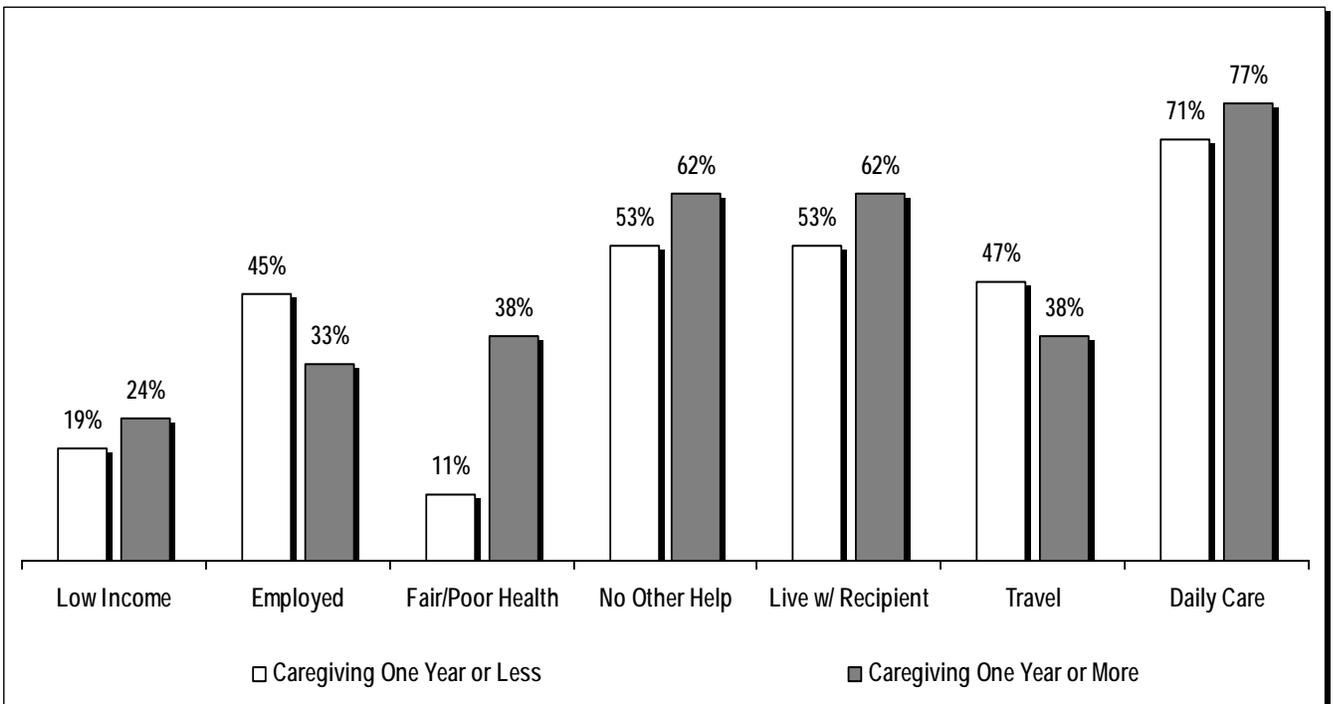


Chart 19. 2006 Registered Caregiver Characteristics by Length of Time Providing Care



Characteristics of Caregivers by How Far They Travel to Provide Care

The characteristics of caregivers differ depending if the caregiver lives with the care recipient or travels to provide care. Those that live with the care recipient were more likely to provide daily care and to indicate fair or poor health. Those that travel were younger and a larger percentage were employed. Charts 20 and 21 describe characteristics for caregivers based on the need to travel to provide care.

Chart 20. Registered Caregivers by Travel Time to Provide Care

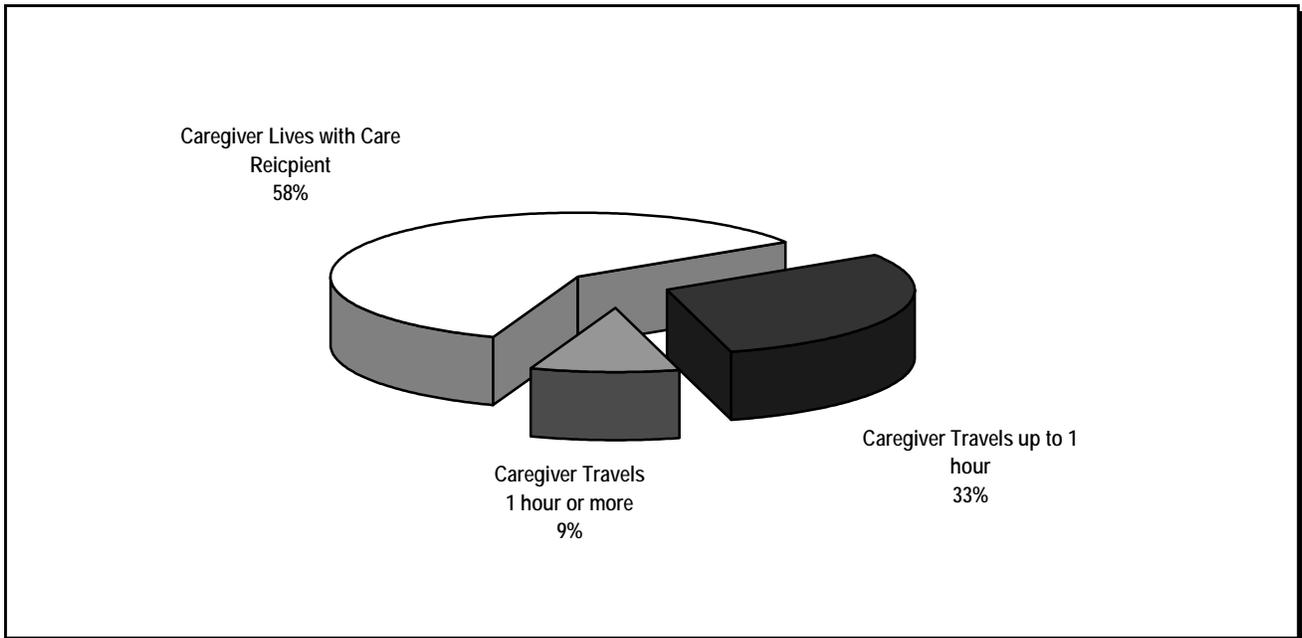


Chart 21. Registered Caregiver Characteristics by Travel Time to Provide Care

